

REMARKS

Claims 25 to 32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) as obvious over claims 1 to 19 of U.S. Patent 6,582,679 B2.

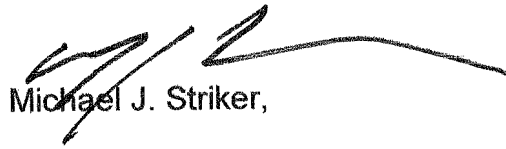
A terminal disclaimer disclaiming that portion of the term of any patent that issues from the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, which exceeds the expiration date of U.S. Patent 6,582,679 accompanies this amendment. The terminal disclaimer is being filed to overcome the ODP rejection based on claims 1 to 19 of U.S. Patent 6,582,679 B2.

For the following reasons and because of the filing of the accompanying terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25 to 32 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over claims 1 to 19 of U.S. Patent 6,582,679 B2 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549-4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJ Striker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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